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## TITLE 33 Education

### CHAPTER 48 Idaho Educational Technology Initiative



#### **33-4801. SHORT TITLE**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Idaho Educational Technology Initiative of 1994."



#### **33-4802. FINDINGS**

The legislature hereby finds, determines and declares that the state of Idaho recognizes the importance of applying technology to meet the public need for an improved, thorough and seamless public education system for elementary and secondary education, education of the hearing or visually impaired at the Idaho school for the deaf and blind, post-secondary and higher education and public libraries.



#### **33-4803. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Educational segments" are, individually, the public elementary and secondary school system, the Idaho school for the deaf and blind, the professional-technical education system, the state library, the state historical society, Idaho public television, the community colleges, the four-year colleges and universities, the state department of education and the office of the state board of education.

(2) "Libraries" means district, city, school/community libraries, and the state library as described in chapters 25, 26 and 27, title 33, Idaho Code.

(3) "Technology" means all present and future forms of computer hardware, computer software and services used or required for automated data processing, computer-related office automation or telecommunications.

(4) "Telecommunications" means all present and future forms of hardware, software or services used or required for transmitting voice, data, video or images over a distance.

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#### **33-4804. STATE COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY IN LEARNING CREATED -- MEMBERSHIP.**

- (1) There is hereby created and established the state council for technology in learning under the state board of education, referred to herein as the council.
- (2) The council shall consist of fourteen (14) members who shall be appointed as follows:
  - (a) The superintendent of public instruction, or his designee. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint one (1) practicing public school administrator as a member.
  - (b) The governor shall appoint two (2) business/private sector representatives with experience in applications of technology, and one (1) person who is a member of a local school board as provided in chapter 5, title 33, Idaho Code. Such local school board member shall be appointed by the governor from a list of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) names submitted by the statewide association representing local school board members.
  - (c) The president pro tempore of the Idaho senate shall appoint two (2) members of the senate, one (1) from each of the two (2) largest political parties.
  - (d) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) members of the house of representatives, one (1) from each of the two (2) largest political parties.
  - (e) A representative of the higher education information technology committee as provided in section 33-4809, Idaho Code, and a public school teacher representative of the public education information technology committee as provided in section 33-4810, Idaho Code.
  - (f) The state board of education shall appoint one (1) of its members as a member of the council. In addition, the state board of education shall appoint one (1) member who is currently serving as president of an Idaho public college or university. The executive director of the state board of education as appointed pursuant to section 33-102A, Idaho Code, shall serve as a member of the council.
  - (g) The state board of education shall select from among the members of the council a chairman who shall call and conduct the meetings of the council pursuant to policies adopted by the council and approved by the state board of education.

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- (3) At the first meeting of the council after the effective date of this act, the members shall draw by lottery to determine one-half (1/2) of the members to serve an initial term of two (2) years and one-half (1/2) of the members to serve an initial term of four (4) years. Thereafter, all members shall serve a term of four (4) years but may be removed prior to the expiration of a term at the pleasure of the appointing official. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any member of the council may succeed himself in appointment.
- (4) Members of the council shall receive compensation as provided in section 59-509(b), Idaho Code.



#### **33-4805. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL -- COUNCIL STAFF.**

- (1) Staff support for the council shall be drawn from the educational segments as recommended by the council and approved by the state board of education. The legislative intent is to provide broad representation of the various educational segments with the council staff.
- (2) The council shall have the following responsibilities:
  - (a) Develop and maintain a statewide education technology plan to provide seamless education in Idaho. Such plan shall be subject to annual review and approval by the state board of education.
  - (b) Make recommendations to the state board of education on educational technology and telecommunications plans, policies, programs and activities for all educational segments.
  - (c) Subject to the approval of the state board of education, administer and develop standards and criteria for the public school technology grants program provided for in section 33-4806, Idaho Code.
  - (d) Ensure that the policies set by the information technology resource management council are followed in accordance with sections 67-5745B and 67-5745C, Idaho Code, in implementing educational technology programs pursuant to this chapter.
  - (e) Collaborate with all educational segments, as well as with professional education associations and businesses, in recommending priorities for funding and in identifying needs for technology use in education.

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- (f) Recommend to the state board of education, standards and procedures for the administration of this act, including, but not limited to, standards for technology-based resources, projects, programs, practices or products to be adopted or adapted, and standards and criteria by which to evaluate the technology-based programs. In addition, the council shall recommend exemplary programs, practices, or products based on the criteria established in this subsection.
- (g) Recommend priorities for uses of educational technology.
- (h) Work with representatives of the governing bodies of the educational segments to develop recommendations or strategies for the coordination, administration, and evaluation of educational technology programs and resources.
- (i) Work with representatives of the governing bodies of the educational segments to identify strategies to coordinate statewide voice, video, and data telecommunications systems that may be accessed by the educational segments.
- (j) To review, evaluate and build upon the educational technology projects in public schools funded through other state initiatives.
- (k) To form such subcommittees or task forces as it deems necessary to review matters pertaining to a particular educational segment or to any other issues before the council.



#### **33-4807. EVALUATIONS AND AUDITS.**

The legislative services office shall, from time to time as directed by the legislature, evaluate and audit the relative impact, costs and benefits of each of the educational technology programs conducted pursuant to this chapter. The state board of education shall report to the legislature and the governor each year on or before October 1 as to the relative impact, cost and benefit of the educational technology program conducted pursuant to this chapter.



#### **33-4808. SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this chapter are hereby declared severable, and in the event that any word, phrase, sentence, clause, paragraph or section of this chapter be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such partial invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this chapter.

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#### **33-4809. HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.**

The state board of education shall establish a standing subcommittee of the council to be known as the higher education information technology committee, the purpose of which is to advise the council regarding postsecondary and other education technology and telecommunications issues pertinent to the purposes of this chapter that affect educational segments not including primary and secondary education.



#### **33-4810. PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.**

The state board of education shall, upon consideration of the recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction, establish a standing subcommittee of the council to be known as the public education information technology committee, the purpose of which is to advise the council regarding only primary and secondary education technology and telecommunications issues pertinent to this chapter. At a minimum, and not by way of limitation, the public education information technology committee membership shall include one (1) vocational education/applied technology teacher, one (1) public librarian, one (1) public school media specialist, one (1) elementary public school teacher, and one (1) secondary public school teacher.